



## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND  
FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA 23651-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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### MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, TRADOC Installations  
Commandants, TRADOC Service Schools  
Chiefs of General and Special Staff Offices, HQ TRADOC

SUBJECT: Risk Reduction and Suicide After-Action Reviews

1. TRADOC hosted a General Officer Suicide Prevention Review Board on 4 Apr 02. Selected Commanders/Chiefs of Staff from Forts Benning, Knox, Leonard Wood, Jackson, and Gordon attended this top-to-bottom program review. Commanders stated that in addition to specific "at-risk" individual soldier information, they often felt stymied by not knowing the level of risk their entire command was facing. The "risk reduction" program is available, and I want it implemented at all TRADOC installations.
2. The Army Center for Substance Abuse Programs (ACSAP) is the historical repository for the "risk reduction" system. This system identifies 14 high-risk behaviors (substance abuse, suicidal behaviors, spousal/child abuse, AWOL, crimes against persons/ property, driving while intoxicated, injuries/ accidents, sexually transmitted diseases, and financial indebtedness). Information is provided to the commander on a quarterly basis. Installations have been trained in risk reduction, and have installation prevention teams (IPT) available to analyze data and provide an assessment of the command's vulnerability. Your IPT can recommend efficient and effective control measures.
3. Your local SME is your Installation Drug and Alcohol Officer. My staff is tasked to provide a quarterly overview of the total program, with the first report (4th quarter FY 02 statistics) due Oct 02.
4. Additionally, within seven days of a suicide, Commanders will provide DCG-IET/AAC office with an after-action report, a commander's prospective on what happened. Lessons learned will be compiled and communicated throughout the command.

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5. Provide Dr. Carole Van Aalten, (757) 788-2146, 680-2146, or vanaaltc@monroe.army.mil) with the name of your risk reduction person NLT 30 Jun 02.

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*We are not interested in  
anything other than sharing  
lessons learned across the  
command.*

*Appreciate your support in  
this endeavor.*

*DC*